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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:	Carter et al.	Attorney Docket No.:	6548-23-1U
Serial No.:	10/680,396	Confirmation No.:	5974
Filed:	10-07-2003	Art Unit:	1791
Customer No.:	38731	Examiner:	Hoffmann, John M.
Title:	<b>DOUBLE-CLAD OPTICAL FIBER FOR LASERS AND AMPLIFIERS</b>		

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MAIL STOP RCE  
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January 22, 2008

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment is being submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This Response is timely filed, as the deadline for submission of an RCE or Appeal Brief is extended to January 22 by virtue of the accompanying Request for Extension of Time (January 19 falling on a Saturday and Monday, January 21 being a federal holiday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.